

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 65 as follows:

I-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) A composite article comprising a shower tray having an upper surface and an underside, the shower tray comprising an upper member providing the upper surface of the shower tray and a lower member on the underside of the shower tray that together form an outer shell, said upper member being spaced from said lower member to define a cavity therebetween, and an inner core of filler extending throughout said cavity between said upper member and said lower member to provide strength and rigidity to the shower tray, said upper and lower members being formed from plastics sheet material and said inner core being sandwiched between said upper member and said lower member to support the upper surface of the shower tray so that it does not flex when stood on, and wherein said lower member is provided with a means for releasing air from said cavity on said underside of said shower tray.

42. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said filler is a composite resin-stone mix.

43. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 42 wherein said resin-stone mix comprises a mixture of limestone, calcium carbonate, dicyclopentadiene (DCPD) resin and a catalyst.

44. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper member has an outer layer of hardwearing, scratch resistant material.

45. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 44 wherein said upper member has a layer of material underneath said outer layer for absorbing impacts occurring during use of the article.

46. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 45 wherein said outer layer of said upper member is an acrylic layer and said layer underneath said outer layer is an acrylonitrile butadiene styrene layer.

47. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 46 wherein a ratio of thickness of the acrylonitrile butadiene styrene layer to the acrylic layer is 9:1.

48. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member is made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

49. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said inner core has a variable thickness.

50. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein sockets are provided in an underside of said lower member for receiving legs for raising the article above a surface on which it is installed.

51. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 50 wherein the legs are push-fit into the sockets.

52. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper and lower members further comprise means for locating said members relative to one another, said locating means being removable to provide a perimeter of said shower tray with a flat surface on an underside.

53. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 52 wherein said locating means comprises co-operating formations on said upper and lower members.

54. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper and lower members further comprise means for providing a waste hole in said floor of said well.

55. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said means for releasing air comprises holes in said lower member.

56. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member further comprises a means for assisting distribution of said filler between said members during moulding of said core.

57. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 56 wherein said lower member is provided with an array of interlinked recessed regions.

58 - 61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Presented) A shower tray having an upper surface and an underside, said shower tray comprising an upper member forming said upper surface of said shower tray, a lower member forming said underside of said shower tray, and a core of filler, said upper and lower members being formed from plastics sheet material, said shower tray having a floor and inner walls upstanding from the floor to define a well in said upper surface of said shower tray, wherein said core of filler is sandwiched between said upper and lower members whereby said core of filler extends below said floor between said upper surface and said underside of said shower tray and provides strength and rigidity to said shower tray, and wherein said lower member is provided with holes on said underside of said shower tray.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Previously Presented) A shower tray having an upper surface and an underside, said shower tray comprising a floor and inner walls defining a well in said upper surface, an outer side wall at an outer peripheral edge of said upper surface, and an upper wall extending between said well and said outer side wall, said shower tray further comprising:

an upper member formed from plastics sheet material, a lower member formed from plastics sheet material, and a core of filler sandwiched between said upper and lower members,

said upper and lower members being attached to said core on opposed sides thereof such that said upper member forms said upper surface and an outer surface of said outer side wall of said shower tray,

and said core extends throughout a cavity defined between said upper and lower members in the region of said outer side wall, upper wall and well such that said core provides strength and rigidity to said shower tray,

and said lower member being provided on an underside of said shower tray with means for releasing air from said cavity.

65. (New) The composite article of claim 41 wherein said filler is compressed between said upper and lower members prior to hardening in situ, during which time said filler flows freely within said cavity.